Hospital at Haripad.

88. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dispensary at Haripad is housed in a rented building;

(b) if so, what its annual rent is;

(c) whether the Government have acquired a site at Haripad for the construction of a hospital there;

(d) if so, when it was acquired;

(e) what amount was spent for the acquisition of the site;

(f) whether the Government get any income from the site; and

(g) when the Government intend to build the proposed hospital or dispensary at Haripad?

Vaidyasastrakusala Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose (*Surgeon General*): (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 300.

(c) Yes.

(d) In the year 1095.

(e) Rs. 18,560-14-0.

(f) Yes; the Kuthakapattom lease amount for the current year 1114 is Rs. 171-16-0.

(g) When funds become available.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: In respect of answer to part (g), may I ask the honourable member concerned whether it was not a foolish policy to spend such a large sum of money on the acquisition of the site without finding funds to build the hospital?

Vaidyasastrakusala Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose: That is a matter of opinion. The site was acquired many years ago.

Cemetery attached to the Roman Catholic Church at Poovar.

89. *Mr. James Fletcher (*Kalculam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prohibited the burial of dead bodies in the cemetery attached to the Roman Catholic Church at Poovar;

(b) the number of Roman Catholics living in Poovar;

(c) how long the cemetery was used as a burial ground by the Roman Catholics;

(d) have the Government given the Roman Catholics any other land to be used as a cemetery in lieu of the old one; and

(e) how long are the Roman Catholics of Poovar without a cemetery for the burial of their dead?

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